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APPRECIATE YOUR EXCELLENT AND TIMELY REPORT REFTEL. WE
AGREE THAT THIS REPRESENTS A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE
BY GOJ AND IN PRINCIPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT SUCCEED, SINCE
WE SHARE GOJ DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN TIES BETWEEN ASEAN AND
INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. HOWEVER, JAPANESE ACCEPTABILITY
TO ASEAN AND DEGREE TO WHICH US CAN OR SHOULD ATTEMPT TO
INFLUENCE WHAT MUST BE AN ASEAN DECISION ARE RATHER COM-
PLEX AND SENSITIVE ISSUES, AS OF COURSE WOULD BE QUESTION
OF EVENTUAL US PARTICIPATION IN AN ASEAN SUMMIT. THEREFORE,
WE WOULD PREFER

TO GIVE MATTER ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION AND ANY FURTHER
DISCUSSION WITH GOJ SHOULD AWAIT SUBSEQUENT GUIDANCE. SISCO
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